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Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, and 13 remain in this application. Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, and 14 have been withdrawn.

Pursuant to the accompanying Request for Continued Examination, please examine the narrowed claims for Claims 9, 12 and 13.

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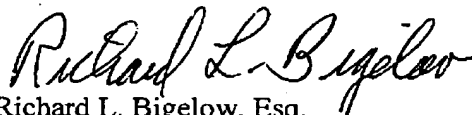
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